It is a little singu'ar, to put it mildly, that such a delicacy as the mushroom, one that is such a general favorite, should not be more generally cultivated-or rather grown, as it needs no cultivation - so plentfully that every owner of a pasture lot or moderate sized lawn can have sufficient for family use when first gathered and for pickling and canning for winter's use. T grow mushrooms in order to have them fresh during winter is quite an expensive undertaking and a practice that cannot become general because of the cost. Modern im. prevenents in the medes of preserving vegetables have made this vegetable a necessity rather than a luxury. Hew can they be grown in quantities at a trifling expense is the question, and it is an easy one to not expensive), break it into small pieces, say the size of an egg and plant it in lawn or meadow.

The method of planting is simple and may be performed as fellows: Take a spade and fruits will be sadly disappointed. Apples, lift the sod just sufficient to get the spawn apples everywhere! Fall fruit brought a under it; then let drop back to its place fair price. Then came the drop, and now and press it down firmly, so that the lawn buyers say that there is so much fruit that will not show signs of any disturbance. they could obtain all they want even at Without further care an abundant supply of lower figures, but are ashamed to ask the mushrooms can be obtained from August farmer to take less. The King apples are until November. In a favorable season an mostly in demand, but the crop is almost ordinary lawn or farmer's dooryard will through. The remnant brought only \$1.50 yield aufficient for winter's use.

about July 1, when the ground is warm and be called, an that variety will be next in dry; if put in earlier it is liable to rot. demand. Thy will bring \$1.20 to \$1.30 a The distance apart of the planting will de- barrel. Baldwins and Russets are so pend upon circumstances; if there is plenty numerous that buyers do not seem anxious of room, as in the pasture lot, 6 to 8 feet to touch them.' In all probability they will apart would be better. If room is limited bring less than \$1. There seems to be put the pieces 12 feet apart each way. One no chance for the market to improve, so person can easily plant an acre in halt a day, great is the supply. and the cost of spawn will not be more than \$3. Try it, as we have tried it, and get more delicious vegetables than you can from the garden at ten times the cost.

PACKING BUTTER IN BRINE.

Last season we packed our surplus butter on the following plan and found when we sold in December, when the butter was unpacked for sale, it came out just as fresh and well tasted as it was when packed, says the "Dairyman." We adopted the following method:

Bought new pork barrels, scalded them out thoroughly with boiling water three different times, the last time covered the barrel with a cloth to keep in the steam. Let stand until the water cools, then rinse out the barrel with cold water, and the barrel is ready for use. We made a strong brine, by boiling, that would float an egg, skimmed off any soum that was on top, and let stand ever night. In the morning the brine would be as clear as crystal. Butter was salted in the usual way, one ounce to the pound. Made into five or six pound which costs us nothing. rolls, wrapped carefully up in cheese cloth and tied with cetton wrapping twine to keep the cloth in place. The rolls were then placed into the barrels and covered with the brine and kept covered. The air is not allowed to come in contact with it again until unpacked. And my opinion is, right here is where the secret lays in keeping the air excluded, no foul odors can get to it. Some might think the butter would get too salty in such strong brine. own. Not one bit of darger, if the butter has been and press it solidly together. Welpacked sev- eternity. eral barrels in this way, and it was in the brine four cr five months, and not a fault found to a pound of it. I have no doubt that butter packed in this way can be shipped to any market in the United States or Europe, if ordinary care is taken not to let it lay outside, exposed to the hot sun. Butter can be packed in this way in firkins or in any vessel that will hold the brine.

DAIBY COWS.

In selecting a dairy cow, the question is generally asked, how much milk does she give per day; but the more important oue, "how long does she continue to give that amount," is not always added. How many cows are there which do not give milk longer than about six months per year. They will give a large flow, but it does not last any length of time. Such an animal is not wanted in the dairy and should go to the butcher. An animal averaging say 50 pounds -equal to about 25 quarts -per day. for seven months will give during that year in round numbers about 10,500 pounds. Another giving but 40 pounds per day-or 12 gallons less-for ten months will during the year give 12,000 pounds, a difference 1,500 pounds in favor of the cow giving the 11 less per day. Considering the milk worth 3 cents per quart, will make a difference of great faculty. \$22 50 per year. The same is true of the quality. In comparing two animals, the one may give a third more milk during a certain period than the other, but the difference in the quality may be such that the second will yield a third more butter than the first. These are questions which interest every farmer more or less, and a careful test of every animal upon the place may save much in the end.

TOMATO ROT.

A subscriber wants to know what is the cause of temato rot. He says " the season has been unprecedentedly dry." That "Weally, Miss Amidon, I cawnt see what accounts for the whole trouble. When rain makes Mees Jenkins fleert so outwageously comes in sufficient quantity the tomatoes wiz me! Wast can I do to get rid of her?" will cease to rot. Very dry weather for the Miss A .- " Propose to her. She's a girl of last three years rotted all our tomatoes but sense." gave us a big grape crop. A very wet searen in 1884 rotted all our grapes but gave us plenty of tomatoes. This year was dry at first, which secured the grape crop but rotted our first tomatoes, and now that we rotting and we have both.

AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

Give the birds you want to fatten plenty of charcoal. Now is the time to feed is to

Fifteen million gallons of cotton seed oil were used last year in manufacturing " refined lard."

Eleven of the eighteen presidents of the United States elected by the people were sons of farmers.

him the advantage of a down grade until he has learned what is required of him.

les stimulate farmers to keep more and better cows, Mr. Hale says in the "Connecticut Courant."

or conducted with less labor than orcharding when the products can be sold even at a or grain culture, and high altitudes are more exempt from killing by frost than orchards in the valleys or lowlands.

Feed your horses regularly three times daily, but never over-feed. Water before feeding, but not while the horse is hot from work. Use the whip very little, and never when the animal shies or stumbles. Never leave a horse standing unhitched. It is the way to make them runaways. Do not storm and fret. Be quiet and kind, and the horse will be ac too in most cases.

answer. All shat is necessary is to obtain port, N. Y., are: The thousands of barrels some spawn at any reliable seed store (it is of apples lying ready for shipment in the buying centres of the great sections of New York State are beginning to move toward the Western markets. Apple-growers who hoped to realize a small fortune of their in Western New York. There seems to be The spawn should not be put in until a scarcity in Greenings, if scarcity it could

Pearls of Truth

The best kind of glory is that which is reflected from honesty.

The one prudence in life is concentration; the one evil is dissipation.

There is nothing more troublesome to a good mind than to do nothing.

Ot all the created comferts, God is the lender; you are the borrower, not the owner. Each year, one vicious habit rooted out

in time ought to make the worst man goed. It is no vanity for a man to pride himselt upon what he has honestly got and prudently

Let him who regrets the loss of time make preper use of that which is to come in the

We can finish nothing in this life; but we

make a beginning and bequeath a noble ex-A good word is an easy obligation; but

not to speak ill requires only our silence The wealth of man is the number of things which he loves and blesses, which he is loved

and blessed by. Our happiness, as thinking beings, must depend on our being content to accept only

partial knowledge. The way to cure our prejudices is thisthat every man should let alone those that he complains of in others, and examine his

Hold fast by the present! Every situ- and equal to the best. properly handled before going in the barrel. ation-nay, every moment-is of infinite We make our butter on the granular plan valeu, for it is the representative of a whole

> The ideal, life, the life of full completions, haunts us all. We feel the thing we ought to be beating beneath the thing we are.

Every widespread error contains a concealed truth. That is the point on which we must fasten if we wish to overthrow the

They who call themselves men of the world; and pride themselves accordingly upon their knowledge, are of all men those who know least of human nature.

The grandest attribute of our created minds, one that belongs to no other finite creature whatever, is that they have the gift of a growth everlasting.

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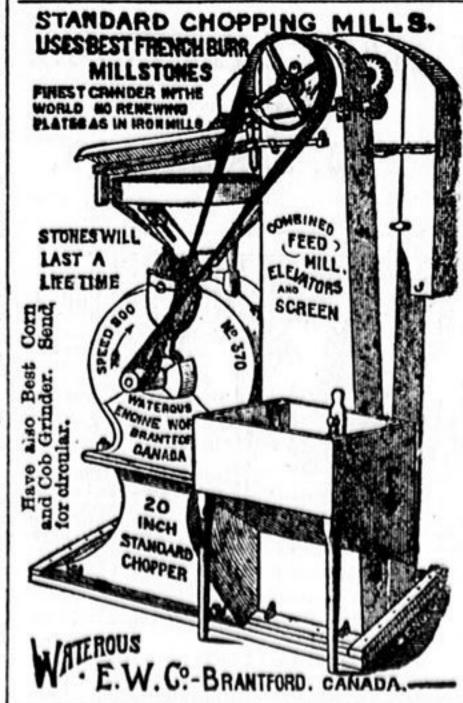
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